

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, and 10, 11, and 16-26 are currently active in this case. Claim 12 has been cancelled and claims 16-25 have been added by the current amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding office action, claim 12 was were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent publication number 2004/0108309 to Dempsey. Claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice. Hence, the 35 USC 102(e) rejection is moot.

Claims 5,6, 10, 11, and 13 were indicated as being allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 16-25 have been added to the application and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 5 is allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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